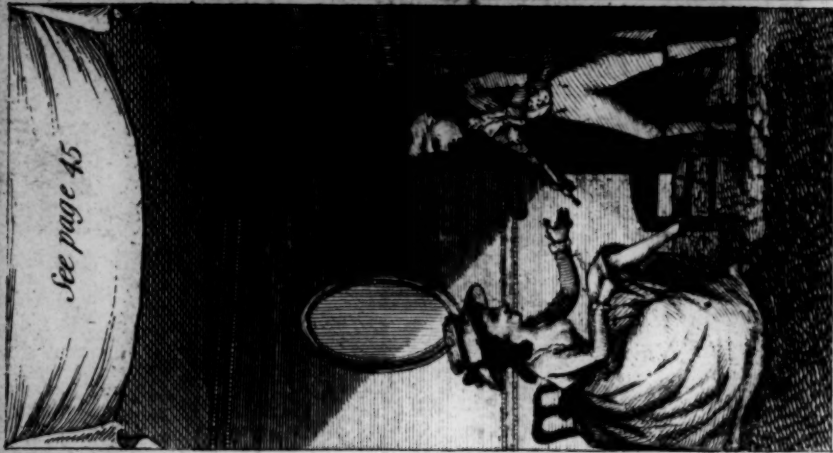


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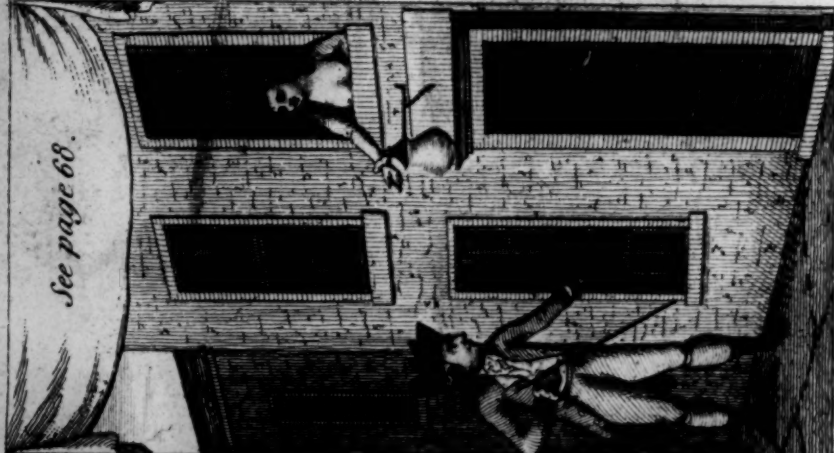
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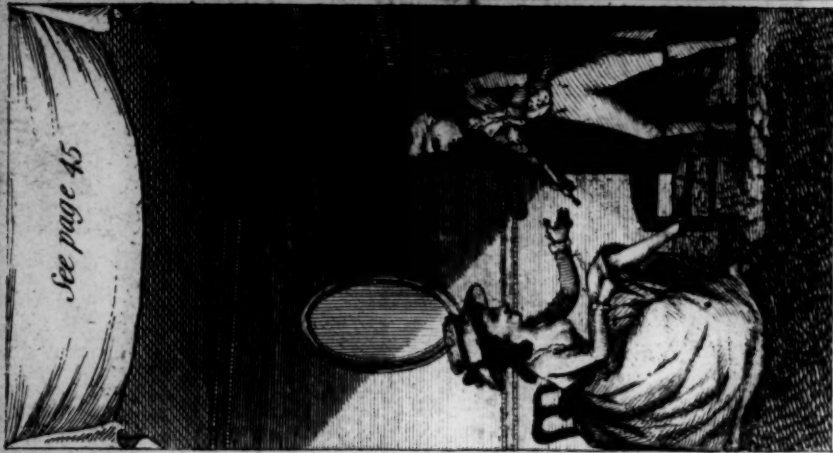
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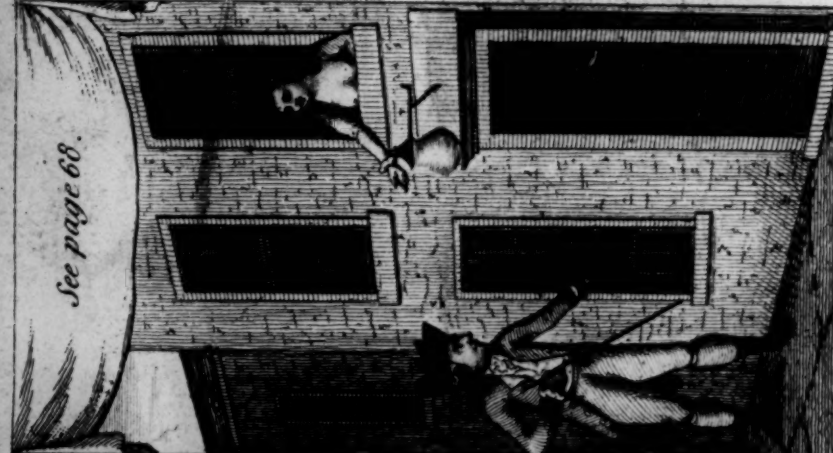
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Adelphi Scene.

THE
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OF

Mrs. Harriet Errington,

Wife of GEORGE ERRINGTON, Esq. of the Adelphi,

IN THE

Bishop of London's Court,

AT DOCTORS COMMONS,

FOR COMMITTING

A D U L T E R Y

WITH

AUGUSTUS MURRAY SMITH, Esquire, AN OFFICER
IN A CORPS OF MARINES; CAPTAIN BUCKLEY, OF
THE GUARDS; CAPTAIN SOUTHBY; THE REVEREND
THOMAS WALKER, CLERK, and many Others.

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That from and immediately after the said marriage, they lived and cohabited together, bed and board, as husband and wife, and consummated their marriage by carnal copulation and procreation of children, &c. That the said Harriot was, and is, a woman of unchaste disposition; and did carry on an adulterous correspondence with Augustus Murray Smith, Esquire, an officer in a corps of marines; Captain Buckley, of the Guards; Captain Southby; the Reverend Thomas Walker, clerk, and others,

That

That George Errington prays he may be divorced from bed, board, and mutual cohabitation, with the said Harriot Errington, his wife, by reason of the adultery by her committed; and that farther may be done and decreed in the premises as shall be lawful in this behalf; the party proponent not obliging himself to prove all and singular the premises, or to the burthen of a superfluous proof, against which he protests and prays, that so far as he shall prove in the premises, he may obtain in his petition the benefit of the law, being always preserved, humbly imploring the aid of your office in this behalf.



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O F
MRS. E R R I N G T O N.

D E P O S I T I O N S.

The Deposition of Mary Stevenson.

MARY STEVENSON, formerly Beard, wife of James Stevenson, at No. 2, Cross-street, Great Sutton-street, near the Charter-house, London, aged twenty-eight years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the three articles of the said libel she deposes and says, That she on or about the 17th of October, 1780, went to live as servant with George Errington, Esquire, and Harriot Errington his wife, parties in this cause, at their house at Battersea, in Surry; and continued in such service till on or about the 14th of November, 1782, that some time in the month of June, in such last mentioned year, they left Battersea and went to reside in Adam-street, in

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the Adelphi, and during all the time this deponent so lived in their service, they the said George Errington and Harriot Errington lived, cohabited together as man and wife, as well at the house of the said George Errington, at Battersea aforesaid, as in Adam-street in the Adelphi; and they have a son now living, about the age of seven years; and they the said George Errington and Harriot Errington, constantly, and upon all occasions, as far as the deponent was a witness, owned and acknowledged each other as lawful husband and wife, and were so in general esteemed and reputed to be by their neighbours, friends and acquaintances; and further she knows not to depose to the said articles.

To the fourth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That about five months after she so went to live in the family of the said George Errington, a Captain Smith, who had some short time before occasionally visited at the house, came to live with her said master and mistress, and continued so to do about three months, as near as the deponent can speak as to time: that very soon after the said Captain Smith so came to live in the family, this deponent began to observe very great familiarities to pass between her said mistress and the said Captain Smith, in the absence of her said master, as herein after more particularly mentioned; that her said master was in the profession of the law, and generally, while he lived at Battersea,

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as before mentioned, left home about eight o'clock in the morning, and did not return until between four and five o'clock in the afternoon, and sometimes not until between seven and eight o'clock in the evening; and referring to what she shall herein after more particularly depose she cannot further depose to the said article.

To the fifth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That very shortly after the said Captain Smith so came to live in the family he began to use the said Harriot Errington with the same familiarity as if he had been her husband; and during such his residence at the house, this deponent hath, almost daily, in the absence of her said master, seen the said Captain Smith toying with and kissing her said mistress, and putting his hand in her bosom and through her pocket-holes, at which she would seem pleased and happy; and other times this deponent hath seen her said mistress sitting on the knee of the said Captain Smith, with her arm round his neck or on his shoulder; and in the day time, in the absence of her said husband, this deponent hath frequently known them, when they have been in the parlour together, send the child, his the said George Errington's son before mentioned, out of the room; and some little time afterwards this deponent, upon going to the parlour door hath found the same fastened on the inside; and her mistress, hearing her, would sometimes open the door to her,

and sometimes not, but give her some answer from within ; that when she has opened the door she would generally appear rather embarrassed, and her hair would appear greatly disordered, and the handkerchief about her neck, and the rest of her cloaths, very much rumpled ; and this deponent was thereby induced to believe, and does in her conscience believe, that they the said Captain Smith and Harriot Errington, at such times had the carnal knowledge of each other ; and further to the said article she knows not to depose.

To the sixth article of the said libel, she deposes and says, That frequently in the morning, during the time the said Captain Smith so lived in the family, after the said George Errington had left home as aforesaid, she the said Harriot Errington, would go up stairs into the bed-chamber of the said Captain Smith, dressed very loosely in her morning gown, whilst he was in bed, and remain sometimes alone with him for an hour together ; this deponent well knowing, by reason that she hath seen her said mistress on these occasions go into the said Captain Smith's bed-chamber, and afterwards come out of the same ; and at those times, this deponent upon going to make Captain Smith's bed, has found the same very much tumbled ; and frequently in the day time, after the beds have been made, this deponent hath heard the said Captain Smith and her said mistress go up stairs, and come down again in about half an hour or an hour's time ;
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and this deponent upon going up stairs some little time afterwards, generally found either her mistress's or Captain Smith's bed greatly tumbled, after the same hath been made and left quite smooth, in so much, that she hath been at times obliged to make the bed over again; and she further saith, that she hath several times seen the said Captain Smith in her mistress's bed-chamber when she hath been dressing, and hath seen them dusting each other's cloaths, particularly, she hath seen her said mistress in the breeches, coat, and waistcoat of the said Captain Smith twice or thrice, and at such times they would help to dress and undress each other; and this deponent doth verily believe they took every occasion of being great together, and when they have been so in the bed-chamber alone together, that they have had the carnal knowledge of each other; and further she knows not to depose to the said article.

To the seventh article of the said libel, she deposes and says, That during the time the said Captain Smith so lived in her said master's house, they the said Captain Smith and Harriot Errington would frequently go into the hay-loft together, upon pretence of finding eggs, and when they have returned therefrom, this deponent has several times observed the cloaths and head-dress of her said mistress to be much tumbled, and in great disorder; and the deponent hath several times heard the aforesaid child, whom they sometimes took with them to the hay-

hay-loft, threaten what Captain Smith did to his mother, the said Harriot Errington, to tell his father, the said George Errington, what Capt. Smith did to her in the hay-loft; and the said Harriot Errington would thereupon threaten the said child that ſhe would ſkin him alive if he ever told his father any thing, or to that effect; that this deponent hath no doubt upon her mind, and doth verily believe, that when they, the ſaid Captain Smith and Harriot Errington have ſo been in the ſaid hay-loft, they have had the carnal knowledge of each other's bodies; and further ſhe cannot depoſe to the ſaid articles.

To the eighth article of the ſaid libel ſhe depoſes and ſays, That one evening about dark, ſhortly after Captain Smith quitted the houſe of the ſaid George Errington, this deponent going up ſtairs to ſhut the windows, heard the door of the chamber, wherein the aforeſaid child uſed to ſleep, unlocked, and this deponent then ſaw Mr. Walker, a clergyman, the curate of Batterſea, who now and then viſited at the houſe, and her miſtreſs, the ſaid Harriot Errington, open the door and come out of ſuch bed-chamber together; and on ſeeing the deponent, ſhe the ſaid Harriot Errington ſtarted and changed colour, and exclaimed, " why Molly," you are like an apparition, one never hears you, or to that effect; that after they were gone down ſtairs this deponent went into the ſaid bed-chamber, and then noticed the bed in the ſaid room

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was much tumbled, whereas the same had been made by the deponent in the forenoon, and left quite smooth; and when this deponent returned into the kitchen, she jokingly told her fellow servants, she believed the parson and her mistress, meaning the said Mr. Walker and her said mistress, had been in a fit together on the bed, or she expressed herself to that effect; and she does most firmly believe, from the appearance of the bed, and their coming out of the said room together, and the confusion of her said mistress, that a criminal connection had passed between them, and farther to the said article she cannot depose.

To the ninth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That early one afternoon, some time in the summer of the year 1781, she took this deponent into an hackney coach with her to Buckingham-gate, St. James's, where she alighted and told the deponent she was going to see Captain Smith, and directed the deponent to wait for her in the said coach: that in about an hour she returned to Buckingham-gate, and was handed into the coach by an officer, who then took his leave of her in a very familiar manner; and she then ordered the coachman to drive to College-gate at Chelsea: being in her way home, and on their way thither, near the Chelsea Water-works, seeing a smart officer passing by, she the said Harriot Errington,
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put her head out of the coach and asked him how he did ; and he came up to the coach, and the coach stopped, and he opened the door and got in ; and the said Harriot Errington carried him with her to her said husband's house, where he staid tea, and continued alone with her in the parlour some time ; that from the conversation that passed between them in the coach, it appeared to the deponent, and she verily believes till then they were entire strangers to each other ; that from that time a very great intimacy took place between them, as herein after is more particularly mentioned ; and this deponent soon afterwards learnt that the name of such officer was Buckley.

To the tenth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That from and immediately after the time above mentioned, the said Captain Buckley became a constant visitor to the said Harriot Errington, at Battersea aforesaid, in the day time and in the absence of the said George Errington, and continued so to visit her until a very short time previous to her leaving Battersea ; and frequently dined and drank tea with her alone : and this deponent hath seen the greatest familiarities pass between the said Captain Buckley and her said mistress, such as his putting his hand in her bosom and through
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her pocket-holes ; her sitting on his knee and there kissing each other ; and when they have been so alone together in the parlour, this deponent, upon going to the parlour door, hath found the same locked in the inside ; and the deponent hath several times known them to go up stairs into the bed-chamber, sometimes in one and sometimes in another, and remain therein alone for a considerable time together, and when they have quitted the same, and this deponent hath gone into the room they have been in, soon afterwards, hath found the bed to be much tumbled, whereas the same had been made in the forenoon and left quite smooth ; and at such times when the said Harriot Errington hath come down stairs, this deponent hath observed her cloaths and head dress much tumbled ; and this deponent does most firmly believe that they the said aptain Buckley and Harriot Errington, when they have so been in the bed-chamber together, have had the carnal knowledge of each other ; and further she knows not to depose to the said article.

To the eleventh and twelfth articles of the said libel she deposes and says, That some time in or about the month of March 1782, her said master went, as she understood, to Oxford, and was absent on that occasion about six weeks, during which period her said mistress was pretty constantly visited by the said Captain Buckley, and twice during that time she

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staid out all night; and the first time she so staid out, a person came to Battersea with a note from her, that she should that night lay at a Mrs. Sheers, in Covent Garden; and the second time she so staid out a young woman came and informed the deponent, that the said Harriot Errington was taken ill and would sleep at Mr. Brownings, a gentleman's house in the neighbourhood of Battersea, that night: and she farther saith, that during such, the absence of the said George Errington, his said wife was occasionally away from his home all night on visits, as the deponent understood, at her mother's, Mrs. Show's, at Isleworth; and farther to the said article she knows not to depose, save that she remembers one afternoon, during such the absence of her said master, that the said Capt. Buckley had dined with her said mistress, she complained of being ill; and as she went up stairs to go to bed, she said to Capt. Buckley, "Buckley, I shall see you before you go." That this deponent attended her said mistress up stairs into her bed-chamber, and assisted her in undressing, and before the witness left the room, the said Capt. Buckley came in and went to the bed-side, where her said mistress was in bed, and kissed her several times in the fondest manner; and before they parted, they appointed to meet each other, in town, the next day at three o'clock in the afternoon; and accordingly about two o'clock of the afternoon of that day, her said mistress went out, and did not return

return till the evening; and farther she knows not to depose to the said article.

To the thirteenth article of the said libel, she deposes and says, That shortly after her said master and mistress removed to Adam-street as before-mentioned, this deponent observed, that her said mistress appeared particularly struck with a gentleman at the Hotel, which was facing the house of her said master : and on a day, a short time after that, this deponent and her fellow servant, Elizabeth Galloway, went to Battersea to see the aforesaid child, they, upon their return home in the evening, found such gentleman with their said mistress in the drawing-room, and another gentleman, his companion, with Ann Shelly her maid, in the parlour; and shortly afterwards the said two gentlemen and her said mistress all went out together, and she did not return home till two o'clock the next morning; that such gentlemen, this deponent found in the drawing-room with her as aforesaid, very frequently afterwards came and visited her in the absence of her said husband; and they very frequently went out together, and upon those occasions, the said Harriot Errington would be absent from home for hours together; and farther she knows not to depose to the said article.

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MARY STEVENSON.

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The Deposition of Jacob Endamaur.

JACOB ENDAMAUR, at No. 25, Addlehill, in the parish of St. Gregory, London, cordwainer, aged 30, a witness produced and sworn.

To the third article of the said libel he deposes and says, That he, on or about the 25th of October, 1780, went to live servant with George Errington, Esq. and Harriot Errington his wife, parties in this cause, and continued in such service till on or about the 25th of May, 1782, during which period they lived and cohabited together as man and wife, at the house of the said George Errington, at Battersea, in Surry, and had a son about four years old, whom the deponent believes is still living; and they the said George Errington and Harriot Errington, constantly and upon all occasions, owned and acknowledged each other as husband and wife, so far as this deponent was a witness, and were, as far as he ever knew or heard, and as he believes, generally esteemed and reputed so to be, by and amongst their friends, neighbours and acquaintances; and farther to the said article he knows not to depose.

To the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh articles of the said libel, he deposes and says, That about Christmas, after the deponent so went to live with the said Mr. Errington,
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one Captain Smith became a visitor at the house, and shortly afterwards came to live in the family entirely, and continued so to do for about three months; that the said Mr. Errington was in the profession of the law, and generally went to town between eight and nine o'clock in the morning, and did not return home to Battersea till between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, but now and then would return in the afternoon: that during such the absence of the said Mr. Errington, and very soon after the said Captain Smith came to live in the house, this deponent observed great familiarities between him and his mistress, the said Mrs. Errington, such as his frequently kissing her and pulling her about, and their toying and romping together, and appearing extremely fond of each other; and several times when this deponent hath gone unawares into the room, when they have been alone together, he has observed the neck handkerchief of his said mistress very much tumbled, and her hair and cloaths in disorder; at such times, both she and Captain Smith would appear rather confused; and often, when the deponent hath gone into the parlour, where they have been alone together, he hath seen the said Mrs. Errington jump up in great confusion, from which circumstance the deponent was induced to believe she had at those times been sitting on
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Captain Smith's knee, or had been in some improper situation with him : and he further saith, that he frequently, during the time the said Captain Smith so lived in the house, hath attended him and his mistress out on horse-back together ; and often on those occasions they have stopped at some inn on the road, and alighted and gone in together, and have kept the deponent waiting with the horses at the door for half an hour or more ; and at other times they have ordered the deponent to put the horses up, and have continued at such inn an hour at a time ; that at length their familiarity grew so great, that the said Captain Smith acted more like the husband of the said Mrs. Errington than any thing else ; and such their conduct towards each other induced this deponent to believe, and he does in his conscience believe, that a criminal connection subsisted between them ; and further he knows not to depose to the said article.

To the eighth article of the said libel he deposes and says, that the Reverend Mr. Walker, the Curate of Battersea, used now and then to visit and drink tea at the house of his said master, during the time the deponent never saw any thing improper pass between the said Mr. Walker and his said mistress ; nor can he further depose to the said article of his own knowledge.

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To the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth articles of the said libel, he deposes and says, That one day in the afternoon, a very short time after the said Captain Smith quitted the house of the said Mr. Errington, and went to live elsewhere, his mistress, the said Mrs. Errington, and his fellow servant, Mary Beard, who hath since married a person of the name of Stevenson, went out in a hackney-coach and returned about eight o'clock in the evening; and his said mistress brought with her a strange officer, who staid alone with her in the parlour until just before his master came home; that in the course of the week, such strange officer came again in the forenoon, and from that time became a constant visitor to his said mistress, in the absence of his said master, and very often dined and staid with her till nearly about the time that his said master usually returned home; and this deponent soon understood that his name was Buckley: and he further saith, that one afternoon, about two months before he left the said Mr. Errington's service, as he went into the parlour where the said Captain Buckley and his mistress were alone together, to throw some coals on the fire, and entering rather suddenly, he saw his mistress sitting in an elbow chair, and Captain Buckley standing before her; that upon his coming in, Captain Buckley turned immediately away and appeared to be buttoning up

up his breeches ; and they appeared to be in very great confusion ; and the handkerchief about his said mistress's neck appeared very much rumpled ; and this deponent does verily believe they either had been, or were prevented by the deponent from being, criminally acquainted together ; that as well before as after this circumstance, this deponent has twice or thrice, when he has been going into the parlour where the said Captain Buckley and his mistress have been alone together, found the door locked in the inside ; and they have at such times spoken to him from within ; and upon the deponent telling them what he wanted, they would say it was no matter, or something of that kind, and bid him go away : that this deponent hath frequently, when he hath been passing by the window of the room in which they were alone together, in his way to the stable, seen them kissing and fondling each other ; and one evening that they were so alone together, this deponent, as he was shutting the window shutters on the outside, saw through the window Captain Buckley kissing the naked breast of the said Mrs. Errington, her neck-handkerchief then half off her neck ; that this deponent believes they suspected he had seen them, as from that time they generally shut the window shutters themselves : that Captain Buckley continued the same intercourse with the said Mrs. Errington during

ring the remainder of the time the deponent lived in the family? and he remembers, whilst his master was gone to Oxford for about six weeks, that she twice went out in the day time, and staid out all night; and the first time she did so, a note was brought from her to Battersea, purporting that the servants were not to sit up for her, as she should sleep that night at Mrs. Sheers, in Russel Street, Covent Garden: and the second night she so staid out, she did not come home till about eleven o'clock the next morning; and her cloaths seemed much tumbled, and her hair in great disorder: and he lastly saith, that from what he observed to pass between the said Captain Buckley and his said mistress, as before mentioned, he does verily, and in his conscience believe, that a very improper intercourse subsisted between them; and that while the same subsisted, that they frequently had the carnal knowledge of each other; and such intercourse this deponent believes was wholly unknown to his said master, by reason that one night he came home before the said Captain Buckley went away, and they seemed intire strangers to each other; and Mrs. Errington passed him off to her said husband as a gentleman who came upon business from Captain Smith; and further he knows not to depose to said article.

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The Deposition of Philip Dixon.

PHILIP DIXON, at No. 2, Brick-Court, in the Middle Temple, London, Gent. aged thirty-four years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the second article of the said libel, and to the exhibit or paper writing marked with the letter A, therein pleaded and exhibited, he saith, That he now is, and ever since the month of November, 1782, hath been clerk to George Errington, Esq. party in this cause; but knew him and Harriot Errington, his wife, the other party in this cause, some months before he went to live in his, the said Mr. Errington, service. And he further saith, That he, on or about the second day of February last, attended and searched the register of marriages, kept in and for the parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, in the county of Middlesex; and then and there found an entry of the marriage of the said George Errington and Harriot Errington, formerly Coren, his wife, as articulated. And the deputy parish-clerk of the said parish, by the deponent's desire, made an extract or copy thereof, which they afterwards carefully examined with the original entry, and found to agree therewith. And the said exhibit marked A, as aforesaid, being now shewn to the deponent, he saith, the same is the very extract or copy of the said clerk so as aforesaid, and is and doth contain a true copy of the said original entry of the said marriage; this deponent, and the said clerk, having carefully examined the same as before-mentioned, and found the same to agree therewith. And he verily believes

lieves and is convinced, that George Errington and Harriot Coren therein-mentioned, and George Errington and Harriot Errington, his wife, formerly Harriet Coren, spinster, parties in this cause, were and are the same persons, and not divers; and farther to the said article he cannot depose.

To the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth articles of the said libel, he deposes and says, That he, the said Mr. Errington, at the time this deponent went to live in his service, resided at Battersea, in the county of Surry, and so continues to do till sometime about the month of June following, when he removed to a house in Adam-street, in the Adelphi; and during the greatest part of that period, used to come to town about eight o'clock in the morning, and not return to his house in Battersea till between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, being in that time engaged in the study of the law, in the office of Mr. Cromton, a special pleader, in the Inner Temple. That this deponent lived entirely in the family of the said Mr. Errington, and chiefly did his business in his house at Battersea, and only went to town to him occasionally. And he farther saith, That one day, some short time after this deponent so went to live in the service of the said Mr. Errington, this deponent remembers that the said Harriot Errington, and her servant, Mary Beard, went out together, and after an absence of some hours they returned, accompanied by an officer, who was then an entire stranger to the deponent, but whose name this deponent afterwards discovered

to be Buckley; that from that time, the said Mr. Buckley became a constant visitor to the said Harriot Errington, at Battersea aforesaid, in the day-time, and in the absence of the said Mr. Errington as aforesaid, and continued so to visit her for several months together, and frequently stayed all day, dined and drank tea with her alone; and this deponent hath at various times during that period, seen many great and improper familiarities pass between the said Mr. Buckley and Mrs. Errington; such as his going up stairs in her bed-chamber when she has been there, romping about the house and garden with her, and behaving in every respect more like the master of the house of the said Mr. Errington; he would stand in a lane just by the house, as if upon the watch, and upon those occasions Mrs. Errington would go to him, and either bring him home, or stay some time with him; and this deponent has known her to be in the lane with him till eleven o'clock at night. That the said Mr. Buckley soon afterwards became more audacious in his behaviour, and would come to the house frequently within a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes after Mr. Errington was gone out; and as soon as he was let in, without asking any questions, he would run up stairs, whistling or singing, in to Mrs. Errington's bed-chamber, dressing-room, or parlour, wherever she happened to be: that once in particular, this deponent remembers Mr. Buckley and Mrs. Errington coming into a room called the Library, where the deponent usually sat to write; and while they were in the room, the said

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Mr. Buckley went up to her in a very familiar manner, and as she retired backwards, he followed her until she came with her back against the book-case, and he then pushed his hand in a most indecent manner against her cloaths, between her thighs, and the said Mrs. Errington gently pushed him from her, and they then both went out of the room. That another time, sometime about the beginning of the year 1782, when the said Mr. Buckley was with the said Mrs. Errington in the parlour, she brought her son, a child about five or six years old, to the deponent, and desired him to hear the child say a lesson; but the child being fretful, and desirous to return to his mother, the said Mrs. Errington, this deponent let him go, and saw him attempt to open the door of the parlour where his said mother and Mr. Buckley were alone together, and which he commonly did without assistance; but not being able to open the same, he began crying, and presently afterwards this deponent heard the bolt of the said door go on the inside, and the door opened, and Mrs. Errington came out of the said room, apparently in a flutter, and was followed by the said Mr. Buckley; and this deponent is thereby convinced that the said Mr. Buckley and Mrs. Errington, at the time the said child went to the door afore-mentioned, were locked up alone in the parlour together. And he farther saith, That the said Mr. Errington was absent from home about six weeks, during the months February and March, 1782; and during such his absence, the said Mrs. Errington was very much
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from home, and slept out several nights ; that one day, during such her intimacy with the said Mr. Buckley, but whether it was before or after the absence of the said Mr. Errington from home, as before mentioned, he cannot say, he, the said Mr. Errington, returned home from town rather unexpectedly to dinner, upon which the said Mrs. Errington came to the deponent in the library, apparently much agitated, and desired him to write a note for her, which the deponent accordingly did, under her immediate direction, to the following purport :—Mrs. H's compliments to Captain B. informs him that Mr. H. is returned home ; therefore cannot meet Captain B. this afternoon.—And the same being folded up, and subscribed Captain B. she desired the deponent to give the same to Luke Carter, Mr. Errington's gardener, who she said knew what to do with it ; and this deponent gave the same to the said Luke Carter accordingly ; that from what he has herein deposed respecting their intimacy, of the said Mr. Buckley with the said Mrs. Errington, and his constant visiting her in the absence of her said husband, he doth verily and in his conscience believe, that a very criminal intercourse, during such their intimacy, subsisted between them, the said Mr. Buckley and Mrs. Errington, unknown to the said Mr. Errington, her husband ; and that they were in the constant commission of adultery together ; and further he know not to depose to the said articles.

To the thirteenth and fourteenth articles of the said libel he deposes and says, That the house to
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which the said Mr. Errington removed to in Adam-street aforesaid, was exactly facing the hotel, kept by the articulate William Osbourn, in the said street; that the said Mrs. Errington taking advantage of the necessary absence of her said husband from home, upon business, very frequently went out, and staid for hours together, and often used to return home with various gentlemen, most of whom were intire strangers to the deponent, and appeared but newly acquainted with her; that this deponent most firmly believes Mr. Errington was a stranger to the criminal behaviour of his said wife, until informed particularly thereof by this deponent some time in the spring of the year 1784; that from what he then mentioned to the deponent, he believes the said Mr. Errington had observed some impropriety in her conduct; that in consequence of such the deponent's information, and further inquiring of the rest of the servants, a separation took place between the said Mr. Errington and his said wife, and he hath never since lived or cohabited with her, as this deponent most firmly believes, by reason that he has mostly been about the person of the said Mr. Errington from that time, and never saw them upon one occasion together within that period; and further to the said articles he knows not to depose, save that the said Mr. Errington always, as far as the deponent was a witness, behaved in every respect to his said wife as a kind and tender, affectionate, and good husband.

To the seventeenth and eighteenth articles of the said libel, and to the exhibit or paper writing mark with the letters B and C, therein pleaded and exhibited

exhibited, he saith, That he hath frequently sneed the said Mrs. Errington write and subscribe her name, and seen letters of her hand-writing; and is thereby well acquainted with her manner and character of hand-writing and subscription; and having now very carefully inspected the same exhibits marked B and C as aforesaid, he saith that he verily in his conscience believes, that all and singular the contents of the said exhibits, and the respective subscription thereto were and are of the proper hand-writing of her the said Mrs. Errington; and further to the said articles he knows not to depose.

PHILLIP DIXON.

The Deposition of Luke Carter.

LUKE CARTER, servant to Mr. Alderman, apothecary at Battersea, in the county of Surry, aged about thirty-nine years, a witness produced and sworn,

To the third article of the said libel he deposes and says, That he on or about the tenth day of October 1777, to the best of his recollection as to the time, went to live as servant with George Errington and Harriot Errington his wife, parties in this cause, and continued in their service till sometime about Midsummer 1782, and during the whole of that period they lived and cohabited together as man and wife, at the house of the said George Errington, at Battersea, aforesaid; and have one son now about seven years old,
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and constantly, and upon all occasions, owned and acknowledged each other as husband and wife, and were so in general esteemed and reputed to be by their neighbours, friends and acquaintances, as far as this deponent ever knew, or heard, and as he believes; and further he knows not to depose to the said article.

To the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh article of the said libel, he deposes and says, That sometime about the beginning of the year next before this deponent quitted the service of the said Mr. Errington, one Captain Smith came on a visit to his house at Battersea aforesaid, and continued on such visit, to the best of the deponent's recollection, about five or six months; that his master, the said Mr. Errington, was at that time engaged in the study of the law, at the office of Mr. Crompton, in the Temple, London; and used, during the greater part of that period, to go to town early of a morning, and not return to Battersea till late in the evening; that very shortly after the said Captain Smith was so received as a visitor in the family, this deponent observed a great familiarity had taken place between him, the said Captain Smith, and his mistress, the said Mrs. Errington; and that she permitted him to take such freedoms as were very unbecoming a married woman; such as her suffering him to kiss her, to put his arm round her waist, to chuck her under the chin, and the like, at which she never seemed the least offended, but rather encouraged; and this deponent, in passing by the window of the parlour where they have been alone together, hath very frequently

quently seen them romping or toying with each other; and this deponent hath known them to have been in the parlour alone, together, for hours together; and on such occasion this deponent hath known her dress to be very much tumbled; other times this deponent hath observed them walking in the garden, arm-in-arm, just as if they had been man and wife: that from such familiarities constantly passing between them, in the absence of his master, the said Mr. Errington, as before mentioned, used during the whole time the said Captain Smith lived in the family, this deponent was induced to believe, and does believe, that an intercourse of a criminal nature subsisted between him the said Captain Smith and his said mistress; and from what this deponent saw of her conduct, while in the service of her and her said husband, he does believe she is a woman of a lustful and vicious turn; and further to the said articles he cannot of his knowledge depose.

To the tenth, eleventh and twelfth article of the said libel, he deposes and says, Some months before he left the service of the said Mr. Errington, but more particularly he cannot recollect, one Captain Buckley used to come almost daily to visit his said mistress at Battersea aforesaid, and continued so to do till this deponent left the family as before mentioned; and this deponent in particular observed, that the said Captain Buckley always came to see his said mistress in the absence of her said husband, and never when he was at home: that Captain Buckley's usual time of coming was about eleven o'clock in the forenoon,
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and he would stay all day until evening, about the time that Mr. Errington generally came home : that they the said Captain Buckley and Mrs. Errington, used to be much alone together ; and this deponent hath observed great familiarities pass between them, such as their walking arm-in-arm together in the garden, and frequently romping and toying with each other ; and this deponent hath frequently seen him put his hand round her waist and gently squeeze her hand, and the like : that during such the intimacy of the said Captain Buckley with the said Mrs. Errington, but more particularly he cannot recollect, this deponent remembers carrying a note delivered to him by his fellow witness, Mr. Dixon, to Captain Buckley, whom he met with near Buckinghamgate, whither the deponent was directed to carry it ; that he also remembers being once sent by his said mistress to Don Saltero's coffee-house at Chelsea, to know if Captain Buckley was there ; and in that case he was to let her know ; but Captain Buckley happened not to be there at that time : that when Captain Buckley came to his master's house, as before mentioned, he always came the back way, avoiding the public road ; that during such the intimacy of the said Capt. Buckley with his said mistress, his master, the said Mr. Errington, was absent from home about six weeks or two months, being, as the deponent understood, at Oxford ; and in that time his mistress went out very much, and was from home for several nights : that from what this deponent saw of the conduct of his said mistress, in respect to the said Captain

Buckley, and their behaviour to each other as before mentioned, he does verily and in his conscience believe that a very improper and criminal intercourse subsisted between them, and that the same was so entirely unknown to the said Mr. Errington, that he did not even know that such a man as Captain Buckley visited at his house; and further he knows not to depose to the said article; save that he remembers once attending his mistress in a hackney coach to Buckingham-gate, where they found Captain Buckley, who got into the coach to her, and this deponent then left them; that this was some time after her intimacy with Captain Buckley commenced, but more particularly as to time he cannot recollect, but he remembers his master being from home on that occasion.

LUKE CARTER,

The Deposition of Simon Orchard,

SIMON ORCHARD, foot-boy to Mr. Branston of Lyme-Regis, in the county of Dorset, aged sixteen years last May, a witness produced and sworn,

To the fourteenth article of the said libel, he deposes and says, That he has lived foot-boy with Mr. Branston of Lyme-Regis aforesaid, about a twelvemonth last past, that at the time he went to live in such service, Harriot Errington, party in this cause, was a boarder in the family, and the deponent thereby came to know her; that this deponent

deponent understood, from the first, she was a married woman, but he did not observe any particular impropriety in her conduct, till towards the latter end of last summer, during the absence of his master and mistress from home, about a month on a visit, as the deponent understood and believes, to London; during which time the said Harriot Errington had the care and management of his said master's house; that in a day or two after his said master and mistress went from home as aforesaid, Mr. Clarke, son of a baker in the town, who frequently visited at the house, came and drank tea with the said Harriot Errington, and staid with her about an hour or two; and during his stay, this deponent on going into the parlour upon some errand, observed a book in her hand: that the next morning this deponent happened to be in the parlour with her, she called him to her, and taking a book out of her pocket, which appeared to be the same as the deponent had seen in her hand the day before, she shewed the same to the deponent, and told him she had taken it away from Mr. Clarke, at the time he drank tea with her as before-mentioned; and she at the same time shewed the deponent several very indecent pictures therein, exhibiting the private parts of the two sexes, which she particularly pointed out to the deponent, and told him such pictures were a representation of the several methods in which gentle-folks and poor-folks were connected together, or she expressed herself to that effect; that about a couple of days after, as one Mr. Daniel, an Attorney's

torney's clerk in the town, was passing by on horseback, the said Harriot Errington tapped against the parlour window, and the said Mr. Daniel immediately alighted and tied up his horse at the door, and walked in; and the said Harriot Errington met him at the door, and asked him to take a walk round the garden; and they accordingly walked together in the orchard behind the house; and this deponent, from a window where he was cleaning his knives, saw them sit down together upon the grass; but the said Harriot Errington observing the deponent, got up again and came to him, and struck him several blows upon the head, and told him he had no business to watch her, and she then returned to Mr. Daniel, who soon afterwards went away; that before that time Mr. Daniel had never, to the deponent's knowledge, came into his said master's house; and he called a second time upon her about a week before his master, the said Mr. Branston, returned; but the deponent going out a holiday-making, by her permission, almost immediately afterwards, knows nothing further respecting her and the said Mr. Daniel. That about a fortnight after his said master so left home, a strange gentleman, who the said Harriot Errington afterwards informed the deponent was Captain Roberts, came and staid with her about half an hour, and they romped together, and behaved with much familiarity towards each other; and while such gentleman was in the room with her, another strange gentleman passed by the window on horseback, and the said Harriot Errington immediately

mediately run to the window and threw the sash up, and called out to him by the name of Captain Southby ; and asked him to come in ; and he immediately alighted and came in at the window ; Captain Roberts having in the mean time retired, and gone about his business ; that soon after such gentleman, who was called Captain Southby, had got into the room, the said Harriot Errington came to the deponent, and desired him to take the Captain's horse to the Three Cups, an inn at some little distance ; and upon the deponent saying he had a great deal of business to do in the garden, she said she would give him a shilling if he would take care of the horse ; and that he may ride him where he pleased, and stay as long as he thought proper, or she expressed herself to that effect ; and the deponent accordingly took the horse, and having rode it some time, took it to the Three Cups inn as directed, and did not return till after the expiration of about three hours ; that upon his return, he went to the parlour in order to let Captain Southby know he was come back, but found the same fastened in the inside, and observed the key placed in such way, as to intercept his sight ; that he knocked several times and received no answer ; he went to the door of the opposite parlour, and found the same also fastened, but standing upon the listen some little time between both doors, he heard the voices of two persons conversing together, but in which parlour he could not distinguish ; that upon going to the front door, he observed the window-shutters of both rooms quite shut ; that he
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then went into the kitchen, and some little time after, he heard a person walking across the passage; and go to see who it was, he found it to be the said Harriot Errington, and had just an opportunity of seeing the back of Captain Southby as he went out of the house; and says, the said Harriot Errington's hair appeared in great disorder; the handkerchief about her neck unpinned, and nearly off, insomuch that her bosom was quite exposed, and her cloathes all appeared very rumpled; and this deponent does verily believe, at the time he went to knock at the parlour door, and stood listening as before-mentioned, the said Harriot Errington and Captain Southby were in one of the said rooms alone together, and that while they were so alone together; they had carnal knowledge of each other's bodies. That during such the absence of his said master and mistress from home as before mentioned, Mr. Trayte, Postmaster of Lyme, visited the said Harriot Errington, and they behaved with great familiarity to each other; and the first time he so came, this deponent observed them playing in the orchard together, and saw the said Harriot Errington run round the trees with one of her stockings off, and the said Mr. Trayte pursued her until she fell down, and he then caught hold of her, and she said she had hurt her leg, and pulled her petticoats above her knee; and this-deponent saw him put his hand upon her knee; that he then assisted her in getting up, and she run and fell again, and complained she had hurt her leg a second time, and pulled up her
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petticoats nearly as high as she had done before; that about half an hour afterwards, they got into the kitchen together, and the said Harriot Errington went into the store-room and fetched a syringe, which the said Mr. Trayte took from her and filled with water, and discharged it under her petticoats: that the next time he came he staid with her about half an hour, and she complained of being poorly, and said she must go to bed; and as she was going up stairs, she asked him if he would go up along with her; but he made an excuse and said, he could not stay any longer. That the next night as this deponent was asleep in his bed, he was waked by the bed-cloaths being stripped off him, and upon looking he observed the said Harriot Errington, in her shift only, as he now best remembers, and Phebe Luth, who then lived fellow servant with him, by his bed-side; and the said Harriot Errington pulled up his shirt, and caught hold of his private parts, and pulled him out of bed by the same, and said she would pull him down stairs; that this deponent struggled a good deal with her to get away, and at length got away from her by tearing down the bosom of her shift: that the next night, just as this deponent had undressed himself, and was going into bed, the said Harriot Errington came into the room and made him put on his breeches, and then took him down stairs into her bed-chamber, and placed him under the bedstead of his fellow servant, Mary Mitchell, which stood even with and quite close to the said Harriot Errington's bed, and bad the deponent hide himself until the

said Mary Mitchell should come to bed, and was gone to sleep, and that she would then speak to him: that she then went down stairs, and after some time she and the said Mary Mitchell purposed to undress themselves to go to bed; but this deponent breathing hard was overheard by the said Mary Mitchell, who thereupon told the said Harriot Errington, she thought there was some person in the room; but the said Harriot Errington said it was no such thing: that the said Mary Mitchell, notwithstanding, took a candle, and looking under the bed, saw the deponent, and told him to come out, which the deponent accordingly did, and retired to his own bed: that the next day, as this deponent was going into the kitchen, this deponent saw the said Harriot Errington standing before the fire with her Petticoats up as high as her knees, and the said Phebe Lush, and Mary Mitchell, and his master's son, a boy about five years old, were with her: that this deponent seeing some small pieces of hair laying upon paper, asked what it was; and the little boy told him, that Mrs. Errington had been cutting it off under her petticoats; and then asked the said Harriot Errington to give him some; and she replied, if she cut off any more Mr. Errington would know it; or she expressed herself to that effect; and her behaviour was mostly very loose during the whole of his said master and mistress's absence as aforesaid; and farther he knows not to depose to the said articles.

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The Deposition of Phoebe Lush.

PHEBE LUSH, spinster, residing for the present at the house of her uncle, Samuel Norman, at Lyme-Regis, in the county of Dorset, aged twenty-two years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the fourteenth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That she, about a year and a half since, went to live servant with Mr. Branston, of Lyme-Legis, and continued in his service till some time in or about the month of November last : that some time last spring, Harriot Errington, party in this cause, came to live at her said master's house, in the situation of boarder, and continued so to do until after the deponent left the place : that towards the latter end of the summer her said master and her mistress, Mrs. Branston, were absent from home about three weeks, on a visit, as this deponent understood and believes, to London, and left the said Mrs. Errington in the care of the house : that during such the absence of her master and mistress, several gentlemen visited her, particularly a Mr. Clarke, a Mr. Lee, a Mr. Trayte, a Mr. Daniel, and a Captain Southby, who all behaved in a very familiar manner to her : that the first time this deponent new the said Captain Southby to visit her, was about a week after her said master and mistress's departure : that it was some time in the forenoon that he came ; that he had not been long with her before this deponent went into the parlour to the m to ask Mrs. Errington what she would have for dinner

dinner, and they were then alone together : that this deponent almost immediately afterwards went out upon some errand, and was gone about an hour, and upon her return she brought something with her to shew the said Mrs. Errington ; and going to the parlour door for that purpose, she found the same locked in the inside, and Mrs. Errington from within, called to her and told her to go round to the window, and she would take it in there ; and the deponent accordingly went round to the window, and the said Mrs. Errington opened the sash and took the same in ; and the deponent observed Captain Southby still with her, and that they were alone together : that when this deponent returned, as before mentioned, she observed the window shutters of such parlour shut to quite close ; and she remembers, before she went to the parlour door, as above mentioned, she called to her fellow servant, Mary Mitchell, to know where Mrs. Errington was ; and she told her in the parlour with Captain Southby ; and that they had been there with the door locked, and the window shutters to, in manner as the deponent had observed, ever since she had gone out ; and this deponent was induced to believe, and does believe, that the said Captain Southby and Mrs. Errington, while they were so in the parlour together, had the carnal knowledge of each others bodies : and she further saith, that during such the absence of her said master and mistress, the said Mrs. Errington behaved rather oddly and indecently to Simon Orchard, the foot-boy ; and one night, in particular, she went up
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stairs into his room, where he was in bed, and pulled the bed-cloaths off him, and in a very indecent manner pulled up his shirt, and tickled him, and dragged him out of bed : that the said Mrs. Errington was then partly undressed ; and as the deponent now best remembers, only her shift and petticoat on : that the next night she hid him in her bed-chamber under the said Mary Mitchell's bed, in the same room ; but the said Mary Mitchell, before she went to bed, discovered him, and made him go out of the room : That she used frequently to talk very loosely to the deponent ; and in the absence of her said master and mistress she several times shewed the deponent a book which she said was the Woman of Pleasure ; and she told the deponent she had taken it out of Mr. Clarke's pocket ; that there were a great many indecent pictures in such book, which she seemed to take a pleasure in shewing the deponent ; and she used sometimes to read a little of it to her ; and this deponent hath more than once seen the said Mrs. Errington shewing the pictures in the said book to Mr. Branston's daughter, a child about nine years old ; and one day, in the kitchen, about a week before the said Mr. Branston returned home, she, in a very indecent manner, took up her petticoats, and with a pair of scissars, cut off some hair from her private parts, and gave some to Mary Mitchell, and some to this deponent, and bad them to keep it for her sake ; and, to the best of the deponent's remembrance, Simon Orchard, the foot-boy, came
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into the kitchen when she was about it ; and farther to the said articles he knows not to depose.

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PHEBE LUSH.

The Deposition of Mary Mitchell.

MARY MITCHELL, spinster, servant to Mr. Branston, of Lyme-Regis, in the county of Dorset, aged twenty-three years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the fourteenth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That she some time about Lady-day last year, went to live a cook with Mr. Branston, of Lyme-Regis aforesaid, and hath ever since continued to live with him in that capacity ; that about three weeks after the deponent so went to live in the service of the said Mr. Branstone, Mrs. Errington, party in this cause, came to live and reside in his family, and continued so to do until some time before last Christmas ; that towards the latter end of last summer, Mr. Branston, and his wife went from home, as the deponent understood, on a journey to London, and were gone about three weeks, and left Mrs. Errington in care of the house, who during such their absence, received the visits of several gentlemen, particularly of Mr. Daniel, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Trayte, and Captain Southby ; all of whom the deponent thought made very free, and took great liberties with her ; that she remembers Mr. Daniel came very soon after the departure of
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her said master and mistress, and staid with the said Mrs. Errington two or three hours, and was part of the time alone with her in the parlour, and when he went away, this deponent observed this Mrs. Errington's cloaths appeared very much tumbled, the handkerchief about her neck in great disorder, and scarce a pin in it, and her face very much flushed; that to the best of the deponent's recollection, the said Mr. Daniel visited the said Mrs. Errington two or three times during such the absence of the said Mr. and Mrs. Branston; and this deponent has at such visits several times seen him kiss her, and once she saw him put his hand into the said Mrs. Errington's bosom; that the deponent remembers that Mr. Clarke, one afternoon, shortly after her said master and mistress went from home as before-mentioned, came and drank tea and spent part of the evening with the said Mrs. Errington, and he came several times afterwards, and either drank tea, or staid some time with her; and this deponent has seen great familiarity pass between them, such as his taking off her stockings and putting the same on again; frequently kissing her; and their pulling each other about; and she frequently shewed the deponent a book, which she told the deponent she had taken out of Mr. Clarke's pocket; that such book contained many very indecent pictures, which she seemed to take delight in shewing; and she would often talk in a very immodest manner when she was shewing them: and she further saith, That she remembers, during such the absence of her master and mistress as aforesaid, more particularly
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as to time she cannot recollect, a gentleman, an entire stranger to the deponent, whom the said Mrs. Errington called by the name of Captain Roberts, came one forenoon, and staid with Mrs. Errington near an hour alone with her, in the parlour ; and as this deponent passed by the parlour window, she saw them romping together ; and saw such gentleman put his hand in the said Mrs. Errington's bosom : that soon afterwards, as this deponent was standing at the door, she saw a gentleman pass by on horse-back ; and as he went by, the sash of the window was thrown up, and Mrs. Errington called out to him by the name of Captain Southby ; and he immediately stopped and alighted ; and instead of coming in at the door, got in at the parlour window ; and the other gentleman went away almost immediately afterwards ; the said Captain Southby staid four hours with the said Mrs. Errington ; that they at first walked for some little time in the orchard, behind the house, together, and then returned into the parlour ; that presently afterwards this deponent went to Mrs. Errington for some money to buy some potatoes : and going to the parlour door for that purpose, she found the same locked on the inside ; and Mrs. Errington called to her from within, and told the deponent to stay till she came out : that Mr. Branston's children coming in from a walk, soon afterwards they several times attempted to open the parlour door, in order to go in, but found the same locked ; and having informed the deponent that the parlour window shutters were shut, this deponent went round to
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dress, which appeared very much tumbled; and upon going into such parlour to lay the cloth for dinner, this deponent found all the chairs removed from their places, and the carpet very much tumbled; and this deponent verily, and in her conscience believes, that the said Captain Southby, and Mrs. Errington, during the time they were in the parlour together, had the carnal use and knowledge of each other's bodies; that after dinner Mrs. Errington informed this deponent and her fellow servant, Phebe Lush, she expected the said Captain Southby to tea at six o'clock in the evening; but not coming at that time she seemed very uneasy; and this deponent and her said fellow-servant by her direction went after him to the Three Cups inn, and to the public room, and his lodging at Lyme-Regis, but could not find him, and he never came at all; and the said Mrs. Errington seemed very much distressed thereat; and she farther saith, that Mr. Trayte, the Postmaster of Lyme-Regis, several times during the aforesaid absence of her said master and mistress, came and drank tea, and supped with the said Mrs. Errington; and this deponent has seen him take great liberties with her, such as pulling off and putting on her stockings, and frequently kissing her; and one night in particular, he was some hours alone with her in the parlour: that one night about a week before her said master and mistress returned, the said Mrs. Errington with only her shift and petticoat on, went into Simon Orchard's, the foot-boys room, where he was in bed, and stripped the bed-cloaths

cloaths off him, and behaved rather indecently to him; and the next night she concealed him in her bed-chamber, under the deponent's bed, where the deponent discovered him by over-hearing him breath; saith, that she one time during the absence of her said master and mistress, attended the said Mrs. Errington to bathing; and while she was in the bathing machine, and nearly undressed, having only her shift and petticoat on, she called to a gentleman, an intire stranger to the deponent, by the name of Love, and desired him to come in, which he did, and staid about a quarter of an hour in the machine with her, and her bosom all the while was quite exposed to his sight; that one afternoon, about a week before the return of the said master and mistress from London as aforesaid, while this deponent and her fellow-servant Phebe Lush, and her master's son, a boy about six years old were in the kitchen with her, and to the best of the deponent's recollection, Simon Orchard, the foot-boy was also present, she took a pair of scisars, and soon afterwards she gave the deponent and Phebe Lush some hair in a paper, and told them to keep it for her sake; that from what was then said, this deponent believes she cut off such hair from her private parts; but this deponent's back being to her, she did not see her do it: and she lastly saith, after the said Mrs. Errington got possession of the before mentioned book, this deponent hath at various times seen her shew it to the gentlemen who came to see her as before mentioned, and also to Simon Orchard, the foot-boy, and to Mr. Branston's eldest daughter, a

child about nine years old, and to several other persons who came to the house ; and farther she knows not to depose to the said articles, save that she remembers Mrs. Errington, as soon as Captain Southby left the house as before deposed, offered Mr. Branston's eldest daughter before mentioned, a shilling in case she would promise never to inform her father of the said Captain Southby's being there.

To the fourth interrogatory she answers, That the behaviour of the said Mrs. Errington, party in this cause, by her coming and residing at the house of Mr. Branston, at Lyme-Regis aforesaid ; that she came there as a married woman, and in the situation of a boarder, and farther she cannot answer.

To the fifth interrogatory she answers, that the behaviour of the aforesaid Mrs. Errington at the time she lived at the house of the said Mr. Branston, was, for the most part, very improper in the deponent's opinion ; and she thinks the said Mrs. Errington did not behave in a sober, decent, modest manner, but quite the reverse ; that she hath once or twice seen her in tears, and once she told the deponent it was about her husband ; that she can upon oath say, that she was witness to several immodest acts, of which the said Mrs. Errington was guilty during her residence at the house of the said Mr. Branston, which are particularly mentioned in her foregoing depositions ; that she was not sorry, but the contrary, when Mrs. Errington left the house ; that this deponent believes she went of her own accord ; and when she went away, she left
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most of her cloathes, and talked of coming back again; and refering to her said depositions, she knew no farther to answer.

To the sixth interrogatory she answers, that Mr. Branston has a family of five children, but they behave as well as any children this deponent ever saw; that she knew not that ever Mrs. Errington was ever obliged to turn them out of the room wherein she was sitting, on account of their rudeness; that since the said Mrs. Errington has left the said Mr. Branston's, more company has frequented his house than before; and from what the deponent has heard, she believes several persons, in particular Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Tozer, would not visit at her said master's house, on Mrs. Errington's account; and further she knew not to answer.

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MARY MITCHELL.

The Deposition of Thomas Branston.

THOMAS BRANSTON, of Lyme-Regis, in the county of Dorset, gentleman, aged about forty-one years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the third article of the said libel he deposes and says, That he is distantly related to George Errington, Esq. party in this cause, and known him from his childhood; but had no particular acquaintance with him, till within the last four years, when he visited the deponent and his wife, at his said house at Battersea; and the deponent by that means came first to know and be acquainted with

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Harriot Errington, the wife of him the said George Errington, the other party in this cause, and until the deponent left town, and went to live at Lyme-Regis aforesaid, which is about eighteen months since they mutually visited each other: that about a year before that period, the said George Errington and Harriot Errington, removed from Battersea to a house in the Adelphi, where they lived at the time the deponent left town as aforesaid; that as well during their residence at Battersea, as also in the Adelphi, aforesaid; they, the said George Errington and Harriot Errington, constantly and upon all occasions owned and acknowledged each other as man and wife, and lived and cohabited as such at both the said places, and were so in general esteemed and reputed so by their neighbours, friends and acquaintances: and he further saith, that he on or about the fifteenth of April 1784, received a letter by express, from the said George Errington, the purport of which was, that he had come to the disagreeable alternative of parting with Mrs. Errington, his wife; that he proposed sending her to the deponent's house at Lyme, on the Saturday following; and to request the deponent to come to town to accompany her down: that on the next day the deponent set off for London, in order, if possible, to adjust the differences between the said George Errington and his said wife; but on their way thither, through a place called Blackwater, about thirty miles from London, they met the said Harriot Errington and her mother on the road, in a diligence; upon which the deponent and his wife returned with her to their house

house at Lyme, where she continued to live and reside until about the 18th of November following, separate and apart from her said husband; and further he knows not to depose to the said article.

To the fourteenth article of the said libel he deposes and says, That he never made any agreement; but he understands the said Mr. Errington means to pay him for the board and lodging of his said wife, during the time she so lived at the deponent's house, at the rate of fifty pounds *per annum*; and the said Mr. Errington, during that period, remitted her money at the rate of one hundred pounds *per annum*, for cloaths and pocket expences: that for the greater part of that time that she was at the deponent's house, as before mentioned, she behaved with so much levity and indecorum, that she became universally shunned by the respectable part of the town: that about three weeks of the time she was at the deponent's house, and towards the latter end of last summer, this deponent and his wife were absent from home on an excursion to London, and left the said Harriot Errington in the care of the house; and on their return she received such authentic information of her improper conduct, during their absence, that this deponent could not consistent with his character, give her the countenance of his family any longer; and he wrote to the said Mr. Errington to that effect; in consequence thereof, she soon afterwards left the deponent's house: that the said Mr. Errington, during the time he lived and cohabited with his said wife, as before mentioned, always, as far as fell under this deponent's

ponent's observation, behaved to her with great tenderness and affection, in every respect, as a good husband ; and farther to the said article he knows not to depose.

To the fifteenth and sixteenth articles of the said libel, and to the exhibit or paper-writing marked with the letter B, therein pleaded and propounded as a letter written by the said Mrs. Errington to her said husband, this deponent saith, That he hath repeatedly seen the said Mrs. Errington write and subscribe her name, and is thereby well acquainted with her manner and character of hand-writing and subscription ; and having carefully inspected the said exhibit marked C, he saith, he doth verily believe, and in his conscience believe, the whole seris and contents thereof, and the subscription thereto, to be of the proper hand-writing of the said Harriot Errington ; and refering thereto he knew no further to depose to the said articles.

To the seventeenth and eighteenth articles of the said libel, and to the exhibitit marked C, therein pleaded and propounded as a letter written by the said Harriot Errington, and addressed to this deponent and now produced and shewn to him, he saith, That Mr. Errington having informed him that the articulate James Baxter had seen a lady, whom he suspected to be Mrs. Errington, at the Bank, with Captain Buckley, an officer on guard there, in an improper situation, this deponent, on a Sunday, in December last, at the request of the said Mr. Errington, went to pay a visit to the said Harriot Errington, his wife, at
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the house of her father-in-law, Mr. Shiers, at Isleworth, when it was planned that the same James Baxter should call for the deponent; and the same James Baxter accordingly called and was present when the deponent spoke and addressed the said Harriot Errington as the wife of the said George Errington; and the said Harriot Errington, upon seeing the said James Baxter, looked very confused; that some time about the beginning of the month of January following, this deponent, by the general post, received at his own house, at Lyme, the very letter now produced and shewn to him, wherein she the said Harriot Errington expresses herself as follows; "*Forgive me if I ask you how you could do the thing you did, the last Sunday you came to see me; I am sure you saw my distress at that moment, and why could a man of feeling do as you did to one that never wished to injure you; only paint to yourself whether you thought, at the moment, you was acting the part that was right, to bring a man which you knew at the moment was to do me injury;*" thereby evidently, in the deponent's opinion, referring to the introduction of the said James Baxter to her at Isleworth as aforesaid: and this deponent having carefully inspected the whole of the said letter or exhibit marked C as aforesaid, saith, that he doth verily, and in his conscience, believe all and singular the contents thereof, and the subscription th-reto, to be of the proper hand-writing of her the said Harriot Errington; and further to the said article he knows not to depose.

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The Deposition of James Baxter.

JAMES BAXTER, at No. 26, Skinner-street, near Bishopsgate-street, in the parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, in the county of Middlesex, coal-dealer, aged forty years and upwards, a witness produced and sworn.

To the eleventh, twelfth, and seventeenth articles of the said libel, he deposes and says, That he now is, and ever since the riots in June, 1780, hath been watchman and attendant on the officers on guard at the Bank of England; that a lieutenant Buckley, of the Coldstream regiment of guards, used occasionally, from about that period until very late, to do duty there; that towards the latter end of the year 1781, a lady, then a stranger to the deponent, several nights came to the Bank, and was by the deponent shewn into the guard-room to the said lieutenant Buckley, when upon guard there, and sometimes staid the whole night with him; that she generally came in a coach, and when she staid the whole night, she, the next morning, generally went away in the Chelsea-stage; that she continued to come in that manner at different times until about the latter end of the month of March following; that it was this deponent's business to make the bed whereon the said lieutenant Buckley slept when upon duty at the Bank, and this deponent slept in the next room to him, which was only divided therefrom by a wainscot partition; and it was this deponent's business also in the morning to light the fire and prepare breakfast in the room the said lieutenant Buckley so slept in, by which means he hath at
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various times, when such lady hath staid the night with the said lieutenant Buckley, seen them in one and the same bed together ; and hath seen the said lieutenant Buckley get out of such bed from her and return into the same to her in his shirt only ; and hath seen the cloaths, or wearing apparel, of each lying about the room ; and the deponent hath frequently, when they have been so in bed together, heard them conversing together, and such lady mostly, when she so staid the night with lieutenant Buckley, staid the next morning to breakfast with him ; that the last time she so came to the Bank and staid the whole night with the said lieutenant Buckley, was about the latter end of the said month of March, and on that occasion the deponent well remembers, she came in a coach about seven o'clock in the evening ; and between nine and ten o'clock at night they supped together in the guard room ; and between eleven and twelve the same night, the said lieutenant Buckley locked his room-door with such lady in the room alone with him ; and the next morning about eight o'clock this deponent knocked at his room-door, and through the fash of such door this deponent saw him get out of bed, in his shirt only, from such lady, and open the door to the deponent, and the deponent then saw him return into bed to her ; and while the deponent was lighting the fire he heard them converse in bed together, and saw the cloaths or wearing apparel of both lying about the room, and presently after they got up and breakfasted together ; and between ten and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, they, as the deponent now best remembers and believes,

went away in the Chelsea stage together ; that the said lieutenant Buckley, during such his connection with the said lady, has asked the deponent if he did not think her a fine woman ; and once told him she was a married woman ; and he further saith, that the Bank gates are constantly shut between eleven and twelve o'clock at night, and no person is suffered to go out of the Bank after that hour ; and the deponent is thereby, as well as from the circumstances before mentioned, certain that such lady was with the said lieutenant Buckley the whole of the nights she so came as aforesaid ; and he did verily and in his conscience believe that at such times they had the carnal use and knowledge of each others bodies ; and this deponent lastly saith, that being some time afterwards particularly questioned by Mr. Errington, a party in this cause, respecting such lady, and believing her to be the wife of the said Mr. Errington, from his description, this deponent, in order to be certain of the identity of the person, to wit, whether the lady, who he had frequently seen visiting and in bed with the lieutenant Buckley, was his, the said Mr. Errington's wife ; this deponent on a Sunday in December last, went with his fellow witness, Thomas Branston, to Isleworth, and saw him go into the house of a Mrs. Showe there ; and about twenty minutes afterwards this deponent called upon him there, and there saw him speaking to the very lady he had seen at the Bank as aforesaid, and heard him speak to and address her by the name of Mrs. Errington ; and this deponent does verily believe that such lady whom he frequently saw visiting and in bed with
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the said lieutenant Buckley as aforesaid, and Harriot Errington, wife of the said Mr. Errington, party in this cause, was and is one and the same person, and not divers; and further to the said articles he knows not to depose, save that such lady when she came to the Bank as aforesaid, came mostly alone, but sometimes accompanied by another lady, but who never to this deponent's knowledge staid there all night,

JAMES BAXTER.

The Deposition of Robert Browning.

ROBERT BROWNING, of Camberwell, in the county of Surry, gentleman, aged thirty-five years and upwards, a witness produced and sworn.

To the third, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles of the said libel he deposes and says, That he well knows George Errington, Esq. and Harriot Errington his wife, the parties in this cause, and came so to know them about four years ago by their living at Battersea, in the county of Surry, where this deponent also lived; and during such their residence there, a very great intimacy subsisted between them and the deponent: they left Battersea, as the deponent now best remembers, and believes, some time in the spring of the year, 1782; and went to live in the Adelphi, where this deponent occasionally visited them, nearly down to the time that a separation took place between them, which happened some time about the spring of last year, as he now best recollects; that from the time this deponent came to know, them until such separation, they lived

ed and cohabited together as man and wife, and upon all occasions owned and acknowledged each other as such, and were so in general esteemed and reputed to be by their neighbours, friends, and acquaintances, as this deponent always heard and most firmly believed : and he further saith, that the day after the said Mr. Errington left his house, at Battersea, to go to Oxford, where he believes he continued some time, and which was some time after the commencement of the deponent's acquaintance with him, this deponent called upon Mrs. Errington, and found a gentleman with her then, a stranger to the deponent, whom she introduced as Captain Watson, brother to a Mr. Watson, in the law, with whom the deponent was well acquainted : that from that time this deponent very frequently saw such gentleman, whose name he now well knows to be Buckley, as well from his own information, as other circumstances, at the house of the said Mr. Errington, during his absence at Oxford as aforesaid : and he further saith, that one day, shortly after the return of the said Mr. Errington from Oxford, as this deponent and the said Mr. Buckley were in a coffee-house together, opposite the Queen's Guard, Westminster-turnpike, at Pimlico, they saw an hackney coach pass by, and Mr. Buckley immediately left the deponent abruptly, ran after such coach, stopped it, and it then turned about and drove into the court-yard of such Guard-house ; and as the coach passed by the coffee-house, this deponent very plainly saw through the window the said Mrs. Errington, the wife of him the said Mr. Errington, therein ; that when the deponent

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has seen the said Mr. Buckley with Mrs. Errington, at the house of her said husband, at Battersea as aforesaid, this deponent has thought the general behaviour of the said Mrs. Errington and Mr. Buckley by much too familiar towards each other; and this deponent from a motive of friendship to all parties, desired the said Mr. Buckley to drop his connection there; and further he knows not to depose to the said articles.

ROBERT BROWNING.

The Deposition of Samuel Organ.

SAMUEL ORGAN, waiter at Mr. Osborne's hotel, in Adam-street in the Adelphi, in the county of Middlesex, aged about thirty-two years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the thirteenth article of the said libel he deposes and says, That he now is, and for several years last past, has been one of the waiters of Mr. Osborne's hotel, in Adam-street aforesaid; that he personally knows Mr. Errington and his wife Mrs. Errington, the parties in this cause; and came so to know them about three years ago, to the best of his recollection and belief, as to the time of their coming to live and reside in Adam-street aforesaid, in a house exactly opposite his said master's; that from the first of their coming to live there, this deponent, from the loose manner of behaviour of the said Mrs. Errington, concluded she was not a married but a kept woman; and during such her residence in the street, which this deponent

deponent thinks was about a year, he has frequently seen her standing at her chamber window, dressed very loosely, and her bosom all exposed; and from the front window of her house in the said street, he hath very frequently seen her making signs to gentlemen who have happened to be at the said hotel, but whether any such gentlemen have gone over to her house or not he cannot of his own knowledge say, as his attention was most engaged in his own business; that her behaviour at her windows was in general so very immodest, that this deponent knows that his said master and mistress several times complained thereof to gentlemen who came to their house, and hoped they would not take any notice of her; and this deponent, in particular, recollects during the time the said Mrs. Errington so lived in the said street, that two gentlemen who had just arrived at the said hotel, and appeared to be strangers, had not been there but a very short time before this deponent observed the said Mrs. Errington, from his front window, making signs, and beckoning to them, and they in return making signs and beckoning to her; and further to the said articles he knows not to depose.

SAMUEL ORGAN.

The Deposition of Edward Palmer.

EDWARD PALMER, waiter at Mr. Osborne's hotel in Adam-street in the Adelphi, in the coun-

ty of Middlesex, aged about twenty-five years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the thirteenth article of the said libel he deposes and says, That he now is, and ever since the month of September 1783, hath been one of the waiters at Mr. Osborne's hotel in Adam-street aforesaid; that he has a personal knowledge of Mr. Errington and his wife Mrs. Errington, the parties in this cause, which arose from their living in a house in Adam-street, exactly opposite his master's, the said Mr. Osborne; that they lived in such house at the time this deponent went to live in such service, and for about a twelvemonth afterwards, as well as this deponent can recollect as to time; and this deponent took the more notice of the said Mrs. Errington than he should have done of any other neighbour, from her appearing so often at her front windows, and behaving so unlike a modest woman, that this deponent has very frequently, particularly in the summer time, seen her half naked at her chamber window, and see her throw herself in a variety of indecent postures; and this deponent has very frequently been called by gentlemen, who have been at his said master's house, to come and look at her; and this deponent has at various times, during her residence in the said street as aforesaid, seen her beckoning and making signs to gentlemen who have been at his said master's, and were, as this deponent believes, entire strangers to her; and once in particular, about five or six months after the deponent went to live in the said Mr. Osborne's service, he was desired by a gentleman,

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who happened to be at his said master's, and came one day and went away the next, and who from his manner of speaking of the said Mrs. Errington appeared an intire stranger to her, to carry a letter over to her, which the deponent accordingly did, and gave the same into her own hands, and having opened and read such letter, she desired this deponent to give her compliments to such gentleman and she would be glad to see him, which message the deponent delivered; and the said gentleman, about ten minutes afterwards went over to her; and this deponent saw them in the parlour together through the windows; and in the afternoon of the same day, the said gentleman went out and walked up the street towards the Strand, almost immediately afterwards the said Mrs. Errington came out of her house and also walked towards the Strand, but turned a different way from such gentleman; that this deponent watched them, and presently afterwards he saw the said gentleman turn back and follow the said Mrs. Errington and join her, and she took hold of his arm; and this deponent saw them walk up Southampton-street, arm-in-arm together; that this deponent has several times seen the said Mrs. Errington return home in a hackney coach, with a gentleman, at four or five o'clock in the morning, and her dress apparently in great disorder; and at such times this deponent hath known the said Mr. Errington to have been out of town, as well from the information of his servants as from seeing him go out and return home at his usual times; and he lastly saith, that at
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various times that the said Mrs. Errington has been throwing herself into indecent postures as before mentioned, this deponent has seen her naked thighs; and farther he knows not to depose to the said articles.

EDWARD PALMER.

The Deposition of Anne Farler.

ANNE FARLER, spinster, of Isleworth in the county of Middlesex, aged about twenty-four years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh articles of the said libel, she deposes and says, That she well knows George Errington, Esquire, and Harriot Errington his wife, the parties in this cause, the latter of whom she knew from her this deponent's childhood, their family being very intimate, and living in the same neighbourhood; and since the marriage of the said Harriot Errington with the said George Errington, this deponent hath at different times been on visits at their house; that about four years ago, to the best of her recollection, as to the time she went on a visit to the said Harriot Errington at the house of her said husband, situate at Battersea, in the county of Surry, and continued on such visit about five weeks, during all which time a Capt. Smith was on a visit there likewise; that the said George Errington was at that time engaged in the study of the law, in Mr. Compton's office in the Inner Temple, and usually left home very early in the morning

to attend at such office, and did not return till late in the evening; that the said Capt. Smith and Mrs. Errington appeared to him on the most friendly terms as acquaintances; but this deponent never saw any indecent or improper familiarities pass between them; that this deponent has seen the said Capt. Smith kiss the said Mrs. Errington, but it has been when he has been going out or when he has returned after some little absence; and this deponent remembers, one time, that he, Mrs. Errington, and this deponent, was in a little shed in a field belonging to the house, where there was some hay kept; he, the said Capt. Smith threw them both down upon the hay, and romped with them some little time, but did not take any improper liberties with them; and from what this deponent ever herself observed, she has no reason to believe that any thing of a criminal nature ever passed between the said Capt. Smith and the said Mrs. Errington; and farther to the said articles she knows not to depose.

To the eighth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That she has some recollection that a clergyman, whom she understood to be the curate of Battersea, paid a morning visit at the house of the said Mr. Errington and brought two children with him; and farther she knows not to depose to the said articles.

To the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth articles of the said libel she deposes and says, That some time after Capt. Smith left Mr. Errington's house, but more particularly she cannot recollect, being again on a visit there, she observed that a gentleman

gentleman who appeared to be an officer, came pretty constantly to see the said Mrs. Errington; and this deponent does not recollect that he ever came when Mr. Errington was at home; that Mrs. Errington at first told the deponent his name was Weston, but she afterwards told her his real name was Buckley, and that he was an officer in the guards; that this deponent does not recollect she was above a week at the house of the said Mrs. Errington, during an intimacy with such gentleman, and she saw no indecent familiarities of any kind pass between them; that one afternoon, during that period, this deponent accompanied the said Mrs. Errington to the Bank, where they were received by Capt. Buckley, the gentleman before mentioned, who appeared that night to be the commanding officer of the guard there; and they staid and drank tea and supped with the said Capt. Buckley in his room there, and between eleven and twelve o'clock at night they left him and both returned to Batefsea that same night; that Mr. Errington was then, and for some time before, had been absent from home, and was gone, as the deponent understood, to Oxford; and as far as this deponent knows, was a stranger to the visits of the said Captain Buckley at his house, as before mentioned; and farther he knows not to depose to the said articles,

To the thirteenth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That the said Mr. Errington and his wife, about three years ago, removed from Batefsea to a house in Adam-street in the Adelphi; that this deponent several times visited them there,
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nearly down to the time that a separation took place between them, which, to the best of her remembrance and belief, was some time in April, 1784; and farther she knows not to depose to the said articles, save that Osborne's hotel in the said street was exactly facing the said Mr. Errington's house therein.

To the sixteenth and eighteenth articles of the said libel, and to the paper-writings marked B and C therein pleaded and exhibited, and now produced and shewn to the deponent, she saith, that she hath very frequently seen the said Mrs. Errington write, and hath corresponded with her by letter, and she is thereby well acquainted with her manner and character of hand-writing, and having carefully inspected the said paper-writings, or exhibits, she saith, that she doth verily and in her conscience believe, all and singular the contents thereof, and the subscriptions respectively thereto, to be of the proper hand-writing of her, the said Mrs. Errington; and farther she knows not to depose to the said articles.

To the twentieth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That the said Mrs. Errington now lives with her father and mother in the parish of Isleworth, in the county of Middlesex, and hath so done for about the last six months; and farther she knows not to depose to the said articles.

ANNE FARLER.

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The Deposition of Charlotte White.

CHARLOTTE WHITE, widow, servant to Mr. Poole, at Palmer Green, near Edmonton, in the county of Middlesex, aged about thirty years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the thirteenth article of the said libel she deposes and says, That she lived servant with George Errington, Esq. and Harriot Errington his wife, parties in this cause, at their house in Adam-street, in the Adelphi, from about the month of November, 1782, to some time in or about the month of January, 1784. That this deponent had lived but a short time in the family before she observed that her mistress, the said Mrs. Errington, did not conduct herself with that propriety and decorum a married woman, and a mistress of a family, ought to do; and this deponent rather thought she had an unbecoming forwardness in her behaviour, in respect to gentlemen; but this deponent can say little of her own knowledge thereto, as the said Mrs. Errington had a servant, whose business it was chiefly to wait upon her, and this deponent's attention was elsewhere employed: that she remembers, one evening, some months after she went to live in such family, a strange gentleman came running up stairs after Ann Shelley, Mrs. Errington's maid; and Mrs. Errington came up with him, and insisted upon the said Ann Shelley's going down with him; but the said Ann Shelley for some time refused, complaining that he had behaved rather rudely to her; till at length

length being over-persuaded by her said mistress, who said she stood in her own light; and that the gentleman came to keep her company, she went down stairs again with him, and her said mistress and they all went into the parlour together; but the said Ann Shelley soon afterwards came out again, leaving such gentleman and her said mistress together; and declaring, that if her said mistress did not behave better, she would leave the place. That another time, she thinks it was some little time afterwards, a black servant belonging to a gentleman who lodged at Osborne's hotel, in Adam-street, exactly facing her master's said house, brought a letter directed to her said mistress, and desired the deponent to give the same to her without letting her master see it; that this deponent took the letter, and her master and mistress being both out, this deponent counceled her fellow servant upon it, and at length determined to return it unopened, without saying any thing to her master and mistress about it; and accordingly took it over and delivered the same into the hands of Mrs. Osborne, the mistress of the said hotel, who, when she took it, remarked she should be glad if Mrs. Errington was to leave the street; and that it was in consequence of her improper behaviour at her windows, or such letter would not have been sent. That another time, some few months before the deponent left her service at the said Mr. Errington's, this deponent remembers her mistress's going out for the whole day, when she returned she brought a strange gentleman with her, and they went into

the parlour, and remained there alone together for about half an hour, Mr. Errington not being come home : that during the time the deponent lived in such service, the said Mrs. Errington, at different times, was out from home several nights together ; and on those occasions she would tell the servants, she was going, or had been, on a visit to Mr. Dixon's, at Mr. Brownings, at Battersea ; and this deponent lastly saith, That her said mistress's behaviour, at length, became so improper, in her opinion, that this deponent thought it could be no credit for a servant to live with her ; and such seemed the opinion of the other two maid servants who lived with her at the same time ; and farther she knows not to depose to the said articles.

CHARLOTTE WHITE.

The Deposition of Elizabeth Sarah Shiers.

ELIZABETH SARAH SHIERS, wife of John Shiers, of Russell-street, Covent-Garden, in the county of Middlesex, aged thirty-five years, a witness produced and sworn,

To the eleventh article of the said libel, she deposes and says, That she well knows George Errington, Esq. and Harriot Errington his wife, parties in this cause, and has known them for several years last past ; that this deponent keeps a Milliner's shop in Russell-street, Covent-Garden, and has so done for several years, and until the separation took place between the said George Errington

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and his said wife, the said Mrs. Errington used to employ the deponent as her milliner, and occasionally came to her shop, and visit at her house ; but she, the said Mrs. Errington, never in her life, upon any occasion whatever, slept at the deponent's house in Russell-street, since she hath occupied the same ; and this deponent thinks she can safely swear, that the said Mrs. Errington, when she has supped at the deponent's house, which she sometimes did, never stayed beyond twelve o'clock at night ; and farther she knows not to depose to the said article.

ELIZABETH SARAH SHIERS.

The Deposition of John Taylor.

JOHN TAYLOR, of Adam-street, in the Adelphi, in the county of Middlesex, hair-dresser, aged nineteen years, a witness produced and sworn,

To the thirteenth article of the said libel, he deposes and says, That he has lived in the service of Mr. Card, Hair-dresser, in Adam-street, in the Adelphi, upwards of four years last past ; that he personally knew George Errington, Esq. and Mrs. Errington his wife, the parties in this cause, and came so to know them by their coming to live in Adam-street, in the Adelphi, in a house exactly facing Osborne's hotel, in the same street about three years ago, and they continued to live in the house for about two years ; that his master, the said Mr. Card, ever since the deponent hath lived with him, has been chiefly employed to dress the gentlemen at the said hotel ; that very frequently

quently during the time that the said Mrs. Errington lived in the same street, this deponent, when he has been dressing gentlemen at the said hotel, which he daily did, has seen her standing at her windows with her breast quite exposed, and in an undress, making signs and beckoning to the gentlemen this deponent has been dressing; and such gentlemen would nod to her, and speak of her to the deponent, as a woman of easy virtue; and one afternoon in particular, some time of the summer, 1782, this deponent remembers seeing her and Mr. Sandby, who lodged at the said hotel, and whom this deponent occasionally dressed, got into a hackney coach together, and drove towards Charing-Cross; and some little time before the said Mr. Errington left the street, a Mr. Derney, who also lodged at the said hotel, and whom this deponent frequently dressed, and who in his conversation made very free with the character of the said Mrs. Errington, left a letter at Mr. Card's shop, addressed to the said Mrs. Errington, with an order for the deponent to carry the same to her; but the deponent not chusing to be concerned in any such transaction, took the first opportunity of returning such letter to Mr. Derney, and acquainted him with his resolutions; and at other times this deponent has seen the said Mrs. Errington get into a hackney coach at her own door, and at the same time make signs and beckon to a gentleman at the said hotel, to come to her; and one time as she came out of her own house to walk, this deponent saw her beckon to Mr. Derney, who was in a room in the said hotel, and the deponent to dress him; and the said Mr. Derney immediately went

out after her, and joined her just as she was going up a court in the Strand, facing the Adelphi; and further he knows not to depose to the said article.

JOHN TAYLOR,

The Deposition of Ann Shelley.

ANN SHELLEY, spinster, Lady's maid to Mrs. Holder, Grosvenor-place, in the county of Middlesex, aged about twenty-one years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles of the said libel, she deposes and says, That she, in or about the month of March, 1782, went to live in the family of George Errington, Esq. the producent in this cause, as Lady's maid to Harriot Errington his wife, the other party in this cause, and continued so to do in that capacity, till some time in or about the month of April, 1784; that at the time she so went to live with them, and for about three months after, they lived at Battersea, in Surry, and removed from thence to a house in Adam-street, in the Adelphi, where the said George Errington continued to live at the time this deponent left his family; and she further saith, that during the time she lived in the family at Battersea, her master, the said George Errington, was, for the first week absent from home on a journey, as the deponent understood, to Oxford; and during such his absence, an officer, who was called Captain Buckley, several times visited her said mistress, and generally staid with her about
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two or three hours, and they would be alone together in the parlour for a considerable space of time; and after he has been gone away, this deponent has observed the handkerchief about her said mistress's neck to be rather tumbled; that this deponent cannot positively recollect, whether it was chiefly during the absence of her said master at Oxford, or the remainder of the time that the family continued to live at Battersea, that the said Captain Buckley so visited her said mistress, but this deponent does not recollect or believe, he ever visited at the house when her said master was at home: that one evening, about a twelvemonth after her said master removed to the Adelphi, as her said mistress was taking her son, master Errington, to school, at Battersea, in a coach, accompanied by the deponent, the coachman, by the direction of her said mistress, stopped near Buckingham-gate, and while the coach stopped, two gentlemen came out of a coffee-house just by, and got into the coach; and one of the gentlemen who turned out to be Captain Buckley, but whom the deponent could not at first distinguish, it being dusk, took her said mistress and put his arm about her waist; that the coach soon afterwards drove on to the school where master Errington was left, and from thence the coach drove to the house of a Mr. Browning, at Battersea, where the said Harriot Errington, this deponent, and the said two gentlemen alighted and went in, and the said two gentlemen having staid and drank tea, went away, leaving the deponent and her said mistress at the said Mr. Brownings; that some short time afterwards, as the deponent

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best recollects the time the said Captain Buckley paid a visit to her said mistress in the Adelphi, in the absence of her said master, and was alone with her in the parlour for about an hour, and when he first came, he attempted to take improper liberties with the deponent, and ran up stairs after her, but upon the deponent's calling her fellow servants to her assistance, he desisted; and farther she knows not to depose to the said articles, save, that during the absence of the said George Errington, at Oxford, as before mentioned, her said mistress slept out one night, and she remembers her fellow-servant mentioning, upon that occasion, that her mistress had previously sent a letter to her, informing her, she should that night sleep at her milliner's, a Mrs. Shiers.

To the thirteenth and fourteenth articles of the said libel, she deposes and says, That Osborne's hotel was exactly facing the house of her said master, that she has frequently seen her said mistress nodding and making signals to gentlemen who have been at the said hotel; and in particular, she remembers one afternoon, soon after her said master went to live in the Adelphi, that a gentleman of the name of Clowther, who lodged at the said hotel, came one afternoon, with another gentleman, to see her said mistress, and some short time after he came, she asked him to go up stairs to look at the Drawing-room, and they both went up stairs together, leaving the other gentleman below, and staid about ten minutes; that such gentleman staid
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and drank tea with her said mistress ; and the said Mr. Clowther sat by her, and had his arm about her waist some time ; and this deponent once carried a letter from her said mistress to Mr. Clowther ; and another time her said mistress gave her another letter to take to the said Mr. Clowther, and this deponent gave the same to his footboy to give to him ; that about six months after this deponent went to live in the family, this deponent accompanied her said master and mistress to Sidmouth in Devonshire, where they continued about a month ; and during such their stay, a letter came by the general post, directed to the deponent, which her mistress had before apprized her of, and this deponent gave the same to her ; and her said mistress mentioned, that such letter was from a gentleman at Osborne's hotel ; and some little time afterwards, she mentioned to the deponent, that she had received another letter from the same gentleman ; and this deponent understood, they were both from the said Mr. Clowther ; that this deponent can't say but that the behaviour of her said mistress to gentlemen who appeared strangers to her, was by much too familiar, and her carriage such as invited them to take liberties with her ; and frequently when this deponent has been walking in the streets with her, gentlemen who seemed entire strangers to her, have accosted and walked with her some time, and entered into familiar conversation with her ; and she lastly saith, that she some time in the month of April, 1784, left the family of the said George Errington, Esq. in consequence of a separation taking place between him and her said mistress, about that time ;

time ; and farther to the said articles she knows not to depose.

ANN SHELLEY.

The Deposition of John Fairfield.

JOHN FAIRFIELD, of Adam-street, in the Adelphi, in the county of Middlesex, hair-dresser, aged thirty years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the thirteenth article of the said libel, he deposes and says, That he has lived in the service of Mr. Card, hair-dresser, in Adam-street, in the Adelphi, for several years last past, except that during the summer season, he generally attends at some watering-place in the country ; that he personally knows Mr. Errington and Mrs. Errington, parties in this cause, and came so to know them about three years ago, by their coming to live in Adam-street, aforesaid, in a house exactly facing Osborne's hotel, in the same street, and where they continued to live for about two years ; that this deponent, during all that period, except when he was in the country, as before mentioned, used to be daily employed at the said hotel to dress gentlemen who happened to lodge there ; and frequently, when he has been dressing such gentlemen, he has seen the said Mrs. Errington stand at her chamber window, up two pair of stairs, almost naked, and leaning out of her window with her bosom quite exposed, and making signs to such gentlemen, and kissing her hand to them ; and her general behaviour was so very
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impudent, that had this deponent not known her from general report to have been a married woman; he should have taken her for a woman of the town; and several gentlemen that this deponent dressed at the said hotel, and that this deponent has seen her making signs to, have spoken very freely of her, and intimated, that they have taken her to a bagnio, or a house of ill fame; and further to the said article he knows not to depose.

JOHN FAIRFIELD;

The Deposition of Dorothy Burn.

DOROTHY BURN, spinster, chamber-maid at Osborne's hotel, in Adam-street, in the Adelphi, in the county of Middlesex, aged twenty years and upwards, a witness produced and sworn.

To the thirteenth article of the said libel, she deposes and says, That she has, for the last four years, lived chambermaid at Mr. Osborne's hotel, in Adam-street, in the Adelphi; that about three years ago, to the best of her recollection, as to the time, a gentleman and lady of the name of Errington, and who ate, as she believes, the parties in this cause, came to reside in such street, in a house exactly facing the said hotel, and continued to reside therein for about a year and an half; that the behaviour of such lady was in many respects very unbecoming of a modest woman; and this deponent has, very frequently, during the time she so resided in the said street, seen her stand-

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ing at her chamber window, up two pair of stairs, half undressed, with her bosom quite exposed, and nodding and making signs to different young gentlemen who frequented the said hotel, and who, this deponent is convinced, were perfect strangers to her, by reason that they would frequently ask who she was, and if she was not a kept lady, or a woman of the town; and her behaviour at her windows at length became so scandalous, that Mrs. Osborne, the mistress of the said hotel, avoided, as much as possible, shewing gentlemen into those rooms that were more immediately opposite such lady's chamber windows; that this deponent has also very frequently seen different gentlemen with her in her bed-chamber, taking great liberties with her person, such as taking her round the neck and kissing her, and and pulling her about; and this deponent does verily believe, that a connection of a very criminal nature subsisted, and was there carried on between her and such gentlemen; and so very loose and immodest was the general conduct of the said lady, that this deponent always thought, until she was pretty certainly informed to the contrary, some little time after she left the street, that she was some woman in keeping by the said Mr. Errington, and not his wife; and farther she cannot depose to the said articles.

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TO the fourth interrogatory she answers, That she came to know the said Harriot Errington, party in this cause, by her coming to live and reside at the house of Mr. Branston, at Lyme, aforesaid ; that she came to live there in the character of a married woman, and in the situation of a boarder ; and farther she cannot answer.

To the fifth interrogatory she answers, That the said Mrs. Errington was very gay and flighty in her behaviour during her residence at the house of the said Mr. Branston, and very free in her conversation ; and sometimes would talk very indecently to this respondent and her fellow servant, Mary Mitchell ; that this respondent hath several times seen her in tears, and she hath told the re-

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spondent, at such times, it was about her husband ; that the said Mrs. Errington, at times, behaved in an immodest manner, particularly with respect to Simon Orchard, the foot-boy, and her conduct in the kitchen, as more particularly mentioned in her examination in chief ; but this respondent cannot swear positively as to any criminal action Mrs. Errington was guilty of ; that this respondent did not live with Mr. Branston, at the time the said Mrs. Errington quitted his house ; and referring to her foregoing deposition, she knows not farther to answer.

To the sixth interrogatory she answers, That Mr. Branston has a family of five children, that she never observed that they behaved otherwise than as children generally do ; that she knows not that Mrs. Errington was ever obliged to turn them out of the room wherein she was sitting, on account of rudeness ; that she knows not, and has not any reason to believe, that any person or persons whatever declined visiting in the family of the said Mr. Branston, on account of the said Mrs. Errington being resident there ; and further or otherwise she knows not to answer.

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For Interrogatories of Mary Mitchel, see p. 56.

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Interrogatories of Anne Farlar.

To the first interrogatory she answers, That she knows, and is well acquainted with Harriot Errington, wife of George Errington, Esq. party in this cause; that this respondent knew her from her, this respondent's, childhood, and came so to know her by their living and being brought up in the same neighbourhood, and an intimacy subsisting between the two families; that she was, as this respondent most firmly believes, brought up in a sober and virtuous, and modest manner; and she has, as far as this respondent knows and believes, always behaved herself virtuously and modestly; and this respondent hath never seen her, nor doth she know that she ever did behave herself in an immodest, vicious, or improper manner.

To the second interrogatory she answers, That the said Harriot Errington is of a very lively disposition, and possessed of a great flow of spirits, and very fond of company, and dressing in a genteel fashionable manner; that she hath frequently heard the said George Errington find fault with her dressing in that way; and farther she cannot answer.

To the third interrogatory she answers, That she has several times been upon a visit to the said Harriot Errington, during the time she and the said George Errington, Esq. resided at their house at Battersea, and in the Adelphi, but seldom for above a week together; that a gentleman of the name of Smith, was on a visit at their house, at Battersea, when the respondent was once on a visit there, and a clergyman, whom she understood to be the curate of Battersea, paid a morning visit at their

their said house, while the respondent was with them; that she never observed any improper or immodest familiarities pass between the said Mr. Smith, and the said Harriot Errington, or such clergyman and her; and she did not then, and does not now know, or had she then, nor hath she now, any reason to believe, that any criminal or improper intercourse, subsisted between the said Mr. Smith and the said Harriot Errington, or between such clergyman and her.

To the fourth interrogatory she answers, That she went with the said Harriot Errington to the Bank of England, about a year ago, to the best of her recollection and belief, before she and the said husband went to live in the Adelphi; that the respondent was with her the whole time of her stay there, and did not observe any improper, immodest, or indecent familiarities pass between the said Harriot Errington and the gentleman, they drank tea and supped with, as particularly mentioned in her foregoing deposition; that she did not leave the said Harriot Errington behind her the Bank, but they both came away together.

ANNE FARLER,

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UPON hearing the depositions of the witnesses in this cause, a definitive Sentence promulged, &c. viz. It was therefore pronounced and decreed, that George Errington should be divorced, &c. from bed, board, and mutual cohabitation with his wife, by reason of adultery by her committed, &c.

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